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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -
PRE-WAR INTELLIGENCE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued "The Bush Administration Misstatement of the Day" on pre-war intelligence.

Speaking today in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, President Bush ["defended his decision to invade Iraq even as he conceded on Monday that investigators had not found the weapons of mass destruction that he had warned the country possessed."](#)

□ President Bush said that he

"had a choice to make: either take the word of a madman or defend America. Given that choice I will defend America."

However, according to the Center for Americans Progress, the Bush Administration ignored intelligence information from U.S. and international sources about the true extent of the Iraqi threat.□ According to the Center:

In February of 2003, a CIA report on proliferation said the intelligence community had "[n o 'direct evidence](#)

' that Iraq has succeeded in reconstituting its biological, chemical, nuclear or long-range missile programs in the two years since U.N. weapons inspectors left and U.S. planes bombed Iraqi facilities." Inspectors repeatedly told the UN Security Council they

[could not find evidence of weapons](#)

in Iraq and the IAEA warned Bush it had "found

[no evidence](#)

of ongoing prohibited nuclear or nuclear-related activities in Iraq."□

For more examples of the administration neglecting intelligence, check out this [America n progress backgrounder](#)

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